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PCI JOE ELLIS VANSCOY, Oklahoma City bookmaker, was engaged during the past football season and part of current basketball season in bookmaking operation with GEORGE EDWARD BARNES at the Penn Club in Logan County, Oklahoma, just outside city limits of Oklahoma City. FRANCIS LEROY WILLS was employed for awhile by BARNES as a collector, but was fired by BARNES when WILLS showed up drunk for work. BARNES is known acquaintance of RUSSELL D. MATTHEWS.

On 1/19/68, PCI VANSCOY advised SA HOWARD CECIL he and WILLS formerly called R. D. MATTHEWS in Garland, Texas, every other day for line information; however, VANSCOY has not contacted MATTHEWS since MATTHEWS was raided in Garland (9/29/67).

On 2/15/67, PCI advised that MATTHEWS reportedly gets his line information from Las Vegas, Nevada, for \$250 per week. MATTHEWS once told PCI he was angry because he had been furnished "upside down" line by the Las Vegas source and lost money because the odds were wrong.

Based on the above information, Dallas, by letter dated 3/15/68, requested Oklahoma City to interview VANSCOY and WILLS as to more specifics, such as times of calls to MATTHEWS, telephones used in Oklahoma from which calls made, and if determined to try and verify such calls through toll records.

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